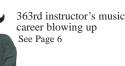


Sheppard prepares for MLK basketball tournament

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Sheppard Senator

Combat Capability Starts Here Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas

Relief efforts continue in devastated region

Bush: Military 'doing fantastic job' in Southeast Asia

By Donna Miles rican Forces Press Sei

WASHINGTON - The U.S. mili-tary "is doing a fantastic job" sup-porting the relief operation in Asia, and in doing so, is showing the world America's compassion, President Bush said here today, "I want to thank our commanders

"I want to thank our commanders on the ground, and I want to thank our troops who are presenting the best of America," the president said during a meeting with employees from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

President Bush cited the wide-spread support sailors, Marines, soliers, aimme and Coast Guardsmen are providing in the tsunami-stricken reeion.

"Navy vessels, including the USS Abraham Lincoln, have moved into

How to help

Those who want to help in the relief effort for victims and family members the tsunami

the region and are providing food, medical supplies and clean water," he said. "Helicopters and military aircraft are meeting critical needs by airlifting supplies directly to vic-tims," many of them in extremely remote areas.

remote areas.

"Like in so many other places, those who wear our uniform are showing the great decency of America, and I thank them for that," the president said. "I can't tell you how much our government and the people of America appreciate the good work our military is doing to

Golden

Knights to

8 air show By John Ingle

headline Oct.

eral entertainment acts and the grand opening of the Heritage

Center.

Southeast Asia http://www.firstgov.gov/Cit izen/Topics/Asia_Tsunami s.shtml help relieve the suffering from the

President Bush delivered his remarks while also thanking the U.S. Agency for International Development and nongovernmental organizations for their key roles in the disaster response and the rehabil-itation and rebuilding effort to fol-

low.
"I appreciate your compassion,"
the president said. "I appreciate your love for your fellow human being and

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Air Force, partners deliver aid

By Master Sgt. Michael Farris 353rd Special Operations Group Public Affairs

BANDAACEH, Indonesia (AFPN)— Unfamiliar partners from disparate lands have tuned the tools of their humanitarian outreach trade and are working in unison in the wake of one of the world's worst natural disasters. Airmen of the 353rd Special Operations Group, based in Langkawi, Malaysia, said the 16-hour days typical-to beein oddly enough at niet BANDA ACEH Indonesia (AEPN) -

ly begin, oddly enough, at night.

Just an hour's flight from Sumatra's

Just an hour's flight from Sumatra's shattered west coast, crews of the C-130 Hercules aircraft there take off around dusk. Their destinations are Indonesia's capital of Jakarta or the humanitarian hub at a military airfield in Medan.

U.S. Marines and Indonesian servicemembers there help aircraws nack the

members there help aircrews pack the planes to thresholds. On a single mis-

sion, 1st Special Operations Squadron Airmen carried 10 doctors from Portugal with tons of medical equip-ment, two mobile water purification trailers from Spain and an enthusiastic contingent of disaster-response special-ists from Mexico. Bundles of cargo burst the seams of aircraft hangars in Jakatra and Medan, bearing the flags of countries worldwide countries worldwide

Logisticians and leaders prioritize the ads, and the C-130s cycle through the

process.

Most of the precious cargo is flown to the hardest-hit region of Banda Aceh. U.S. Marines and Air Force combat controllers direct the unloading of C-130s and other aircraft throughout the night. The massive bundles can be up to 8 feet high and weigh several tons – far too large for effective distribution in this

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Funding available to train spouses

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For full story, see Page 3.

Leaders learn qualities by observing

In my 29-plus years in the Air Force, I've observed so many different approaches to leadership ... I've seen the good, the bad, and the ugly.

good, the bad, and the ugly.

I found that what worked well for me, especially when I was first placed in a leadership position, was to observe other leaders in action. Id watch to see how they handled themselves in different and difficult situations. I would constantly pick a leaders brain for any information they were willing to share on how they got to where they were.

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Free fall



ored smoke trails when gliding to the ground in their trademark

The U.S. Army's Golden Knights parachute demonstration team has become a big draw at air shows across the United States and world with their death-defying formations and famous col-

act this year.

According to the team's Web site the Golden Knights officially began in 1961 and have performed more than 12,060 shows in all 50 states and 48 countries. The team per-

before an estimated 12 million

people each year. Colonel Carr said the deci-Colonel Carr said the deci-sion to go with the Golden Knights as the headline attrac-tion to the air show was two fold: the Thunderbirds weren't available and the air show committee wanted to focus on the

yellow and black parachutes. The group has b the headline act for Sheppard's Oct. 8 air show.

joint efforts between the Air Force and Army. He said it's important to show the coopera-tion that exists between the Other acts haven't been con-firmed as the committee will See SHOW, Page 4

mull over contract offers for an mull over contract offers for an air show coordinator, a civilian who will coordinate the events of the show. The coordinator could also provide ideas as to various acts to bring to

Sheppard to host National Prayer Breakfast



gested that the Senate and House Prayer Group meet with the President to give him support. From that developed the first National Prayer Breakfast in 1953. Every President has participated in the Prayer Breakfast since then. It has become a national tradition.

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America's greatness today can be attributed to our founding fathers who worked to establish a nation under God where everyone could pray and worship freely as they believed. The National Prayer Breakfast serves to provide a spiritual support provide a spiritual support for our elected leaders and

r nations military. there are only 300 se Whenever America available.

faced a national crisis, Presidents declared a day of prayer to ask God's mercy on the nation. When the space shuttle Apollo 13 was not able to return to earth, President Nixon asked America to pray.

pray.
We all remember the Sept. 11, 2001. On that day, the whole nation not

day, the whole nation not only mourned, but prayed together.

The nation and Sheppard will celebrate the 53rd National Prayer Breakfast Jan. 21.

Sheppard's annual prayer breakfast will be at 7 a.m. in the officers club. Please in the officers club. Please make reservations early as

Quick notes

What: National Prayer Breakfast
When: Jan. 21 at 7

a.m.
Where: officers club
Speaker: Chap.
(Brig. Gen.) Cecil R.
Richardson, deputy chief
of chaplains
Theme: "Glorifying
God, Honoring Airmen,
Serving All"
Price: \$4 for club
members, \$6 for nonmembers

Contact your First Shirt or call the Base Chapel at 6-4370.

Perfect display



Surgeons of the United States conference in

The 882nd Training Group's SIMMAN gives students the opportunity to practice medical procedures before setting out to apply their skills to real patients. SIMMAN was put on display at the Association of Military

882nd TRG puts technology on display at AMSUS conference

Courtesy of the 882nd Training Group

Members of the 882nd Training Group showed members of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States why they are the mo training center of excellence.

The group set up a display at the AMSUS conference held in Denver, Colo., Nov. 14 – 19. The 882nd's exhibit included an AMBUS used for 882.nd s exhibit included an AMBUS used for patient transport in the field, a slideshow of a Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility in Iraq and SIMMAN, the computerized mannequin that allows interactive training on medical procedures addition to the readiness exhibit, several

882nd TRG members were handpicked to make

used to train their respective medical pe

November to give the various military se ices an opportunity to see the technological services and opportunities and opportunities are services an

sentations at the conference

Mai, Elaine Dekker, 383rd Training Squadron Epidemiology, Prevention and Infection Control course supervisor, co-led an infection control workshop for Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard nursing personnel. The major provided an update on the latest science in a rapidly changing field.

It Col Katrina Glavan-Heise 383rd TRS Basic Nursing Flight Commander and 882nd TRG Chief Nurse, and Lt. Col. Janelle Costa, commander of the 383rd TRS, led four leadership and management workshops for officers and enlisted Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel from all medical specialties.

Funding received to train Sheppard spouses

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to pay for their training.

Sheppard was one of 20 bases awarded an Air Force Aid Society Grant to offer Certified Nurses Aide training for twelve spouses of active duty Air Force members during 2005. In this entrylevel course, nursing assistants can gain the knowledge, skills and competencies essential to providing basic care to residents of long-term care

facilities. The 84-hour course topics include resident rights and safety, reporting, observation, effective commu-nication, effective interaction with the health care team. assisting residents in maintaining basic comfort and personal care. After completing the training and being certified through a written exam and skills assessment, each individal will be certified in Texas, Arkansas, Florida, Colorado,

Michelle Schroeder, a career readiness specialist at the 82nd Mission Support Squadron Family Support Center, said applications for the program should be in as soon as possible to ensure students are enrolled on time.

"The last time I checked

there were only three openings left in the February class," she

The course will begin Feb. 1 at Vernon College's Century City Center location at 4105 Maplewood. Classes will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those interested need to hand write or type a one



page essay on why you would like to attend this training and work as a Certified Nurses Aide.

Ms. Schroeder said she received an e-mail from AFAS requesting packages from bases to receive the grants in order to increase the employability of spouses. The organization asked personell to identify pos-sible training options for spous-

es.
"What AFAS wants you to do is make sure the training is available and is a viable option," she said

The grant money will cover tuition, the book and testing for those who attend. As an addi-

ing the training are eligible to gain employment at nursing homes in the Wichita Falls area after completing the first 16 hours of course work.

If for any reason, individu-als do not complete the more than two months of training, they will be required to refund the tuition, book and testing money paid by the Air Force Aid Society.

opportunity will educate Air Force will spouses with the skills and certification to fill jobs in high demand. Although you

will only be cer-fied in five

tified states, the additional steps necessary to gain certification in other states after a PCS move generally require two days of additional

training and skills competency assessment.

It will also give you the in the medical field such as

medication administration for the nurse aide, certified pharmacy technician, licensed vocational nurse, Registered Nurse, etc.
Please bring completed

essays to the Family Support Center located in Bldg. 796 on I Avenue or e-mail Michelle.Schroeder@sheppard.af.mil as soon as possible. For more information, call the family support center at 6-

Airmen punished for alcoholrelated offenses

82nd Training Wing Staff Judge Advocate

Airmen received nonjudicial punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for acohol-related offenses between Jan. 3 and 9. An Airman in the

361st Training squadron received an Article 15 punishment for underage drinking. The Airman was ordered to forfeit \$400 of pay, was restricted to the base



Another Airman from the 361st TRS also received an Article 15 punish-ment for underage drinking. The Airman was order to forfeit \$400 pay, was restricted to the base for 30 days and received a reprimand

Article 15 of the UCMJ authorizes commanders to impose nonjudicial punish-ment for violations of the UCMJ that do not require a trial

Twin peaks



W.G. Yates & Sons employees out of Oklahoma City work on the fram on top of a 300room student pipeline dorm cur-Avenue G. The 162,061-squarefoot dorm, located between buildings 526 and 726, will cost about \$20.3 completed by October About 600 students will call the new dorm home when it is

Air Force releases revised Enlisted Force Structure regulation

By Michael Briggs 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) - The Air Force further clarified and standardized the roles, responsi-bilities and duty titles of its enlisted members with the Dec. release of a new Air Force Instruction 36-2618, Enlisted Force Structure. The

The 19-page document, certified by Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray, substantially revises the April 1. 1999, version of the regulation.

"I urge all Airmen to read and understand the enlisted force structure AFI," said Chief Murray in his Dec. 10 CMSAF Perspective and available online at www.af.mil. "This is your blueprint for success in our great Air Force ... an Air Force

revered around the world. Embrace your role and responsi bility as an Airman ..., and we'll continue to be the outstanding enlisted force our nation values our allies appreciate and our enemies fear.

While short in length, the instruction is the most compre-hensive tool the Air Force uses to define the structure of its more than 300,000 members in the ranks of airman basic

through chief master sergeant. "To effectively train and mentor enlisted Airmen, individuals must understand the expectations placed on these Airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sergent, 12th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant. "This instruc-tion provides the information necessary to develop a clear understanding of these expecta-

The document serves as the definitive guide for developing an enlisted force structure that best meets mission requirements while providing a stable career field structure and opportunity for professional growth. according to the instruction's

'Clearly defining our purpose and development as an enlisted corps is more critical today than ever before," Chief Murray said. "It's the enlisted force structure that defines us as Airmen rather than merely specialists. In recent months, we've spent a great deal of time and talent to improve this AFI to

ensure we not only meet today's requirements, but also are ready to face any adversary at any

completed.

Included in the changes the AFI are new listings of lead-ership and developmental levels, general Airman responsibilities and standardized duty titles. The instruction also provides more detail about NCO and senior NCO responsibilities and describes special senior NCO positions.

The three enlisted leadership and developmental levels added to the AFI are tactical, opera-

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Home sweet new home

373rd TRS cuts ribbon on new \$8.1 million C-130 training facility at Little Rock

By Airman 1st Class Tim Bazar 314th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Officials cut the ribbon on Little Rock Air Force Base's

Rock Air Force Base's new C-130 Maintenance Training Facility in a ceremony Dec. 17.

The Ss. 1 million, 33,733 square foot facility will be used by the 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 4, based out of Sheppard Air Force Base, to train maintainers from more than 80 active-duty, Guard and Reserve C-130 mits worldwide. in addition to main.

active-duty, Guard and Reserve C-130 units worldwide, in addition to maintainers from 15 other countries.

"We provide the best training to the best C-130 maintainers in the world," said 1st L. Joe Williams, 373th TRS, Det. 4 commander, "and this new facility is going to let us provide them with top-notch equipment and technology."

Twenty-one-classrooms and four

Twenty-one classrooms and four training bays will house three \$14 miltraining bays will house three \$14 million J-model trainers, a \$2.5 million landing gear trainer, a \$74,000 fuel systems trainer, ramp, door and hydraulies trainers and space to train approximately 1,600 maintainers annually.

"Maintainers have never had a con-solidated training facility that is conve-niently located," said Col. Curtis Ross, 314th Airlift Wing vice commander.



Joe Williams, 473rd Training at 4 commander, (second from left). Silva, 982nd Training Group commander, Senior Master Sgt. Gregg Keys, 373rd TRS superintendent, Col. Wally Walters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District,

Walters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:
"This new facility will allow the maintainers to be in constant contact with aircrew and other C-130 trainees from day one, and that will give them a very strong sense of teamwork."

The new facility will provide each student and instructor with new touchscreen computers that will link them together to share information. The

facility will also house smart boards

facility will also house smart boards that allow instructors to illustrate ideas via touch-screen technology onto a chalkboard-like display.

"The technology we have is awe-some," said Master Sgt. Chris Strong, 373rd TRS production superintendent.
"We need something that will grab their attention and keep them interested

Col. Joseph Reheiser, 314th Airlift Wing commander and Rep. Vic Snyder, cut the ribbon of the C-130 Maintenance Training Facility here Dec. 17. Holding the ribbon are Staff Sgts. Lisa George (far left) and Justin Tierney (far right), both from the 373rd TRS. in training, and these tools are a great

in training, and these tools are a great way to do that."
"Old technology like chalkboards and books just don't work anymore," said Lieutenant Williams. "But, with all the new and exciting technology now available to our students, we can ensure that our people are training to their fullest potential."

Briefly Speakin

AAHC to host allnight party

The African-American Heritage Committe will host an MLK Weekend All-Night Party Saturday at the enlisted club from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.
The cost is \$5 and an additional \$5 for the breakfast for a commembers that will beein at

non-members that will begin at midnight. For more infor-tion, call 6-1421 or 6-2887.

Flu vaccines available for students, instructors

The 82nd Medical Group will have an immunization line for students, instructors and military training leaders.

The immunization will be administered Saturday from 8 amount 1 mm at the com-

a.m. until 1 p.m. at the community center

munity center.

There will be a questionaire that is filled out prior to receiving this immunization. For more information about the FluMist immunization, visit www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS/vis-flulive.pdf.

ID cards by appointment

The military personnel flight is now processing DEERS transactions by appointment.

These include but are not These include but are not limited to issuing ID cards, processing marriages and adding new family members. Walk-ins are also accepted. For more information or to make an appointment, call 6-4837 or 6-8349.

Tax center to open soon

The tax center will open for business Jan. 24 in Bldg. 1121.

The center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for active duty personnel, retirees, dependents and civil service employees. The hours for students and military training leaders is Monday through Friday from 9

a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call

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NAF sale planned

The 82nd Services Division

The 82nd Services Division will have a non-appropriated fund sale Jan. 27.
These sales will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sky Court in the Bunker Hill housing area.
For more information regarding the sale, call Chris Lamiroult at 6-6693.

Tickets available for awards ban-

Personnel wanting to attend the 82nd Training Wing's Annual Awards Banquet can still purchase tickets. Cost for club members is



Every parachute at the 80th Flying Training Wing goes through a thorough inspection every 180 days. Fred Aguella, above, of Lear Slegler, Inc. said each component of the parachutes are inspected and repaired if needed, including items such as the actuator that automatically opens the parachute, the small oxygen bottle, a beacon and a small survival kit. Once components of the pack are checked, survival equipment specialists spread out the canopy and check for any tears or areas that could compromise the chutes' integrity. The specialists maintain about 700 parachutes at the training wing.

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According to the instruction, the tactical level normally applies to junior NCOs and it is in this level that they perfect their primary skills. At this level the goal is to accomplish all assigned work as efficiently as possible using the personnel and resources available

personnel and resources available.

The operational level applies to senior NCOs. It is in the operational level where master sergeants through chief master sergeants transition from being expert tech-nicians and first-line supervisors to leaders with broader responsibili-

ties.

As stated in the AFI, most enlisted Airmen will spend their entire careers at the tactical and operational levels. "This is where their natural strengths – the technical skills, experience, and day-to-day mission focus of the enlisted force – are most required."

The strategic leval of leadership.

The strategic level of leadership and development normally applies to chief master sergeants and a select few other senior NCOs select few other senior NCOs assigned to higher headquarters. These enlisted members focus on the strategic leadership and man-agement of the force for current and future requirements. "Leadership and development

"Leadership and development levels provide every enlisted member the necessary roadmap to chart a successful career," Chief Sergent said. "At the earliest points in their careers, enlisted Airmen can identify the skills and knowledge required for every stage of their career progression, and can proactively work toward acquiring the skills and knowledge required for each stage.

each stage.
"At the same time, the three leadership and development levels provide a method for articulating provide a memod for articularing to everyone in the unit – from the most senior commander to the most junior Airmen – what should be expected of individuals based on the positions they occupy," the

The revised AFI 36-2618 adds Airman responsibilities and further clarifies NCO and senior NCO responsibilities in Chapters 3 to 5.

responsibilities in Chapters 3 to 5.

The Airman and NCO responsibilities focus on people in those
grades being technically, physically, mentally and spiritually ready to
accomplish the mission while the
senior NCO responsibilities are
centered on effective leadership
and mentoring.

In addition to general responsi-In addition to general responsi-

bilities, each chapter spells o

bilities, each chapter spells out spe-cific responsibilities for each rank. The final chapter of the instruc-tion, Chapter 7, spells out specific enlisted duty titles and provides a consistent, standard approach to ensure the terms are clarified and meaningful.

The chapter spells out who can and can't have certain duty titles. The duty title "chief" can now only be used by chief master sereeaus

The duty title "chief" can now only be used by chief master sergeants who are program, project or policy managers at units above the wing level. All other enlisted Airmen must now use titles such as super-visor, NCO in charge, section chief, flight chief, squadron super-intendent, superintendent or manager.
The AFI describes the rank and

type of duty a person must perform for each duty title listed.

type to day a pless of mass perionic for each dup title listed.

"We based titles on a person's primary duties, level of responsibility and rank," Chief Murray said. "A consistent, standard approach gives the title universal know you reach a super-intendent of a wing shop, you'll know you are dealing with a (senior) NCO in charge. Today's operations tempo calls for a quick understanding of a person's role. We are facing new challenges everyday and we have to maintain our edge for every angle."

For the latest copy of AFI 36-2618, go to www.e-publishing.af.mil.

publishing.af.mil.

The deadline for story submissions to the Sheppard Senator is noon the Friday before the requested publication date. For more information, call 6-7244.

Enjoy serving in the Air Force? Don't ruin vour career by drinking and driving.

Air Force News

Major loss

Former AF JAG to lose rank, almost \$1 million after IG substantiates unprofessional relationships

Courtesy of Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche has directed that Mai. Gen. Thomas J. Fiscus, the former Judge Advocate General of the Air Force, be retired in the permanent grade of colonel effective Feb. 1

Retirement in the grade of colonel instead of major general will result in a future retired pay loss of about \$900,000, Air Force budget officials said. The esti-

mated loss of future retired pay is based on an additional life expectancy of 29.5 years, using Internal Revenue Service life expectancy tables

The retirement grade determination follows an Air Force Inspector General investigation and subsequent nonjudicial punishment for several violations under the Uniform Code of Military Justice

Gen. Donald G. Cook, commander of Air Education and Training Command, imposed nonjudicial punishment consisting of the maximum permissible forfeitures of pay and a reprimand Dec. 21.

Secretary Roche made the retirement-grade determination after a review of the report of investigation and after considering recommendations from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen.



John P. Jumper, General Cook, and a panel of the Air Force Personnel Council comprised of three lieutenant generals.

Before making his decision, Secretary Roche also considered General Fiscus' entire military record and matters General Fiscus submitted for consideration in the grade determination. The secretary concluded that he had not served satisfactorily as either a major general or brigadier general.

In the report of investigation, the IG substantiated three categories of

allegations. Allegations included unprofessional relationships with both officer and enlisted female subordinates, inappropriate sexual advances toward female subordinates and improper relationships with female civilians. The incidents occurred over 10 years and involved 13 women

When a commissioned officer retires, federal law requires the service secretaries to determine the highest grade the officer satisfactorily held over the course of his or her

General Fiscus will also lose the benefit of the privileges and respect normally afforded to retired general officers.

The general served the Air Force for over 32 years and attained the highest rank and position available to a military lawyer.

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thank you for the work you

Earlier today, President Bush received what he called "an extensive briefing" from Secretary of State Colin Powell following the secretary's trip to the affected region. In addition to describing "the unbelievable damage," President Bush said Secretary Powell also brought him up to date on the "extraordinary efforts" the U.S. government, U.S. people and other world governments are mak-

ing to provide relief.

The president said the United States remains committed to helping those suffering from the disaster.

"We're committed today." he said. "And we will be committed tomorrow."

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Shennard.

The colonel said visitors should expect between six and 10 performances as well as

also have an opportunity to see different displays from

Sheppard's training squadrons. Since Sheppard will host static displays of military and the air show in October, civilian aircraft. Visitors will Colonel Carr said the base one year is very demanding."

won't host Freedom Fest in

"The wing wanted to go to an every-other-year scenario," he said. "Doing both events in

AID

Continued from Page 1 stark land where roads are impassable, trucks are scarce and the citizens are

desperate. The C-130s head back to Medan for second and third loads, always balancing maximized capacity with flight and ground safety. Forklifts do much of the heavy lifting but not all. Loadmasters and people on the ground soak through shirts and flight suits in the humid Indonesian nights. Piles of tent poles and 200nound canvases are too bulky to load on pallets and are, instead, heaved about with brute, backbreaking force.

As crews work to load one plane, they pause to watch a seemingly endless line of refugees exit another. Thousands of refugees, many injured and all horribly shaken. have been flown to Medan by the international contingent. Very few carry any bags.

At dawn, swarms of U.S. Navy helicopters swoop into Banda Aceh from ships anchored off the coast. They queue into receiving lines at the airfield, directed by civilian air traffic controllers and 320th Special Tactics Squadron comhat controllers. More heliconters. from the Indonesian air force ioin the file and haul bundles to shattered cities up and down the

The Air Force controllers use airfield management expertise to improve the efficiency of the operation and keep it safe. Another team of combat controllers works cargo shipping veins from Medan.

The hardscrabble squad organizing moving parts in Banda Aceh quintessentially defines the term "remote." Tents would be a step up in this rural



Indonesian town where the dead innovation, are exercised daily. outnumber the living. The The work being done by the 353rd SOG Airmen here is vital Airmen sleep on the tarmac on cots covered with mosquito nets to recovery in the region, said a mere 75 yards from where Lt. Col. Rick Samuels, the Air

Force special operations component commander. "The moment we fail to react to others in need, we cease to be human," he said, "Our government cares deeply about helping these folks get back on their feet. and we demonstrate that daily."

Colonel Samuels said 353rd SOG officials considered several operating bases before deciding on Langkawi.

Another challenge facing the group was arriving before the higher headquarters was fully stood up. Colonel Samuels said the 353rd SOG's unique canabilities allowed it to move into Thailand and begin delivering aid before Joint Task Force 536 had arrived.

apparent. Two hallmarks of special operations, flexibility and For more Air Force news, visit www.af.mil.

cargo planes maneuver in for

unloading. The noise and com-

motion occur around the clock.

and the physical demands are

Their food and water consist

of that which they brought in

their trucks. As the sun comes up

back in Langkawi, Malaysia,

aircraft maintainers recover the

planes and assess the status. The

aircrews trudge off to sleep, and

Luxuries of home station do not

exist, and the logistic tail back to

Japan is a long one. Pile on lan-

guage barriers, security consid-

erations and a minimal work

force and the challenges become

maintenance begins.

Photo by Photographer's Mate Airman Jordon Beesley

Banda Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia – A young Indonesian girl clasps her new teddy bear, given to her by Sailors assigned to USS Abraham Lincoln. The Sailors collected and distributed more than 250 toys to the Indonesian

Navy helps youngest tsunami victims

By Journalist 1st Class Michael Murdock

U.S. 7th Fleet Public Affairs

ABOARD USS ABRAHAM LIN-COLN, At Sea – Sailors appeared from all over the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) and lined up in the ship's hangar bay in January to donate some of their most prized possessions - stufffed animals and toys – to victims of the

tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia. While it may seem odd for Sailors to covet such items, it should be known the stuffed animals and toys were primarily mementors from loved ones, or special gifts for their children or young relatives back home. Despite the special meaning attached to these items, the Sailors who donated them felt it was more important to try to bring a little joy to young tsunami victims who now have little else.

mi victims who now have little else.
"I know that if I was in that position,
I would want something to hold on to,
also," said Fire Controlman 2nd Class
Melissa A, Gude, of Lincoln's Combat
Systems Department, and a native of
Hanover, Pa. She donated a pink, stuffed
pig that has been her traveling companion for 10 years.

All this came about because Lincoln's First Class Petty Officer's Association (FCPOA) wanted to do something to help with the relief effort and show the ship's generosity. After conferring with Capt. David Lausman, Lincoln's executive officer, and the ship's Religious Ministries Department, the group decided to organize the toy drive.

Under the guidance of the association's vice president, Information Systems Technician 1st Class Felix C. Jones, of Lincoln's Combat Systems Department, and native of Abilene, Texas, the logistics were worked out and the toy drive approved. Little did they realize they would get such quick and positive results.

"We were blessed that people had some toys on board, and that the ship's store had some teddy bears available," said Jones. "These were personal items that people cherished. People just gave from their hearts."

One by one, Sailors stepped up and placed stuffed animals and toys in the large box that had been set up for the effort.

"This is the polar bear pillow that my boys gave me before I left," said Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SW) John E. King, of Lincoln's Deck Department.

"I e-mailed them and told them the pillow needs to go to someone else," explained the Hot Springs, Ark. native. "They said, 'By all means,' and now they feel that they are connected to me, and also connected to all those people who have been hurt so terribly."

Within a couple hours, 250 toys had been collected for distribution. Members of Lincoln's FCPOA then placed the donations in bags and carried them to the ship's flight deck, where they were loaded aboard an SH-60 Seahawk heliconter and flown to the airport at Bande Aceh. Lincoln's command master chief, Master Chief John O'Banion, of Cunningham, Kan, and several other Lincoln Sailors then carried them from the helicopter landing area to the medical tents used to provide initial medical treatment for evacuated tsunami victims.

"U.S. AID (Agency for International Development) was astounded," said O'Banion

According to O'Banion, the U.S. AID representative who accepted the donations said it was like an answered prayer. The aid workers at the hospital had discussed the need for such tiems the night before. Several mentioned the suffed animals will provide much needed healing power for the young patients when they need it most.

"They need it more than me," said Cryptologic Technician Seaman Apprentice Sabrina B. Costa, of Lincoln's Operation's Department, and a native of Houston. "They lost everything."



Banda Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia – Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Sylvia Esthay of Lake Charles, La., presents a teddy bear to a young Indonesian boy who was brought to the triage area at Sultan Iskandar Muda Air Force Base here.

Be safe in this...



so we can triumph in this...



Musical success one rung at a time

Instructor climbs country music Ladder

By Airman 1st Class Jacque Lickteig

Staff write.

he last time his name graced the Sheppard Senator's pages, he had already laid a stur-dy foundation to start a steady climb to the

country music industry's top.

In less than six months, Staff Sgt. Chris Brade has scaled the rungs that could hoist him to stardom, recording his second self-titled album, including his

new single, "Ladder of Love," and finding a label, BonTex Records, along the way. The 363rd Training Squadron instructor said in the July article that he planned to lay down the "Ladder of Love" track, penned by Country & Western greats Rodney Crowell and Lee Roy Parnell. But, Sergeant Brade said he wanted to sway the head honchos of Sin-Drome Records with the demo version in a meet-

ing in November.

Happenstance changed those plans in August v Jerry Mac, president and founder of the BonTex Records, stumbled upon Sergeant Brade's Web site, www.chrisbrade.com, and listened to some of the tracks on the site.

"I was very impressed with the quality of his music," the 48-year music industry veteran said commenting on the traditional style of Sergeant

Brade's music and its appeal to the label. "The young man is so talented, and he's a good-looking kid. That's impor-

tant these days."

But according to Mr.

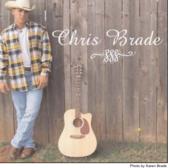
Mac, talent and looks aren't the only traits that can make or break a musician's career He said good work ethics, dependability and ambition are key qualities to have

So, he contacted Sergeant Brade to learn more about him. After finding out about his military career and the zealous moves he and his manager, Tech.

Sgt. Jeff Daws at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., have taken to further his music career, Mr.
Mac offered him
a home with the Pennsylvania based independent label.

Sergean Brade faced the decision to either stay the course with his agent, Jason Dauman of Dauman Music, or take the opportunity Mr. Mac had just offered, an offer

that proves Sergeant Brade's potential because of the choosy nature of the label, Mr. Mac said.



Staff Sgt. Chris Brade's country music career is growing with his second album. He is an instructor at the 363rd Training Squadron.

"I decided to take Jerry up on it and see how far I'll get with him," Sergeant Brade said. "I didn't see the sense in having a middle man when I could talk to the president of the label himself."

the taber infuser.

When September rolled around, Sergeant Brade and Mr. Mac hadn't finalized the deal, but the singer/songwiter was still making breakthroughs. His voice carried him through the 2004 Falls Fest Idol competition and won him a gig as the opening act for country star Josh Turner at Falls Fest, in which he sang Rhett Akins' "She Said Yes" and Brian McKomas' "99.9 Percent Sure" to a 3.500-member audience...

"He did have stiff competition," said Kande Brown, 92.9 NIN on-air personality and Idol judge. "He just [sang] a little better, and he was a little more polished than

Sergeant Brade became an official member of BonTex Records and www.countrymusicplanet.com, the largest country music networking Web site, in October, Mr. Mac

Since then, he's been sprinting toward succes In the beginning of December, he spent 22 hours in Awesome Works Recording studio in Holland, Texas, where Texas band Cross Canadian Ragweed recorded, recording "Ladder of Love" and the rhythm section for his second album.

The new CD, which is taking out \$7,200 of lining from his manager's pockets, has 10 tracks. Only two of the songs were composed by other musicians, "Hell Only Knows" by Donald Wagner and the much-promoted sin-

gle.

Sergeants Daws and Brade authored the rest. His first but the songs are shaped differently and take on different sounds for the currently unreleased album, Sergeant Brade

id. Brian Meadors lent his finger picking, strumming and Brian Meadors tent his linger picking, sudmining and vocals, Danny Theile laid the bass line, Chad Brade, Sergeant Brade's cousin, provided the taps, crashes and bangs of the drum and Steve Palousek twanged the steel guitar for the album.

The master copies are finished and tweaked. No The master copies are minsted and tweaked. Now, Sergeant Brade is perfecting the artwork and design with the help of his wife, Karen. As soon as they submit every-thing to Disc Makers, a distribution company based out of California, the company will manufacture the CDs. Sergeant Brade said he hopes they will be ready for

Upcoming performances

Saturday
Burleson SPJST Hall, Burleson, Texas

Jan. 29 Silver Wings Ballroom, Brenham, Texas (CountryPalooza KTEX 106 Listener

Appreciation Concert)

Feb. 11 Tin Star Dancehall and Saloon, Giddings, Texas (Chris Brade CD Release Party)

Feb. 25

Wells Fargo Band Plaza, Houston, Texas (Go Texan Day/Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Kickoff)

release by the end of this month.

release by the end of this month. He's already submitted copies of the single to several radio stations across Texas. KTEX 106.1, a country sta-tion that reaches Sergeant Brade's hometown of Giddings, held an interview with him in December, which featured "Ladder of Low?" and "In the Name of Low," a song from his first album. KTEX itemates now wake, a total of these to five KTEX listeners now make a total of three to five

KTEA Insteners now make a total or turee to five requests a week to hear one of Sergeant Brade's music, Mike Austin, the station's imaging director, said. "I really like his music," Mr. Austin said. "He's an excellent artist, he's got original stuff and he sounds good,

Rockdale, Texas

Sergeant Brade said he plans to market himself, along with Jerry Mac's help, to as many Texas stations as possible. His goal is to make the Texas Music Chart, a goal that requires 250 spins, or songs played, throughout Texas a

"I think he'll fare well," Mr. Austin said.

"I think he it iare went, mr. Austin Satu.
With a growing music career comes growing demands.
Sergeant Brade said he performs about once a weekend,
whether it's a solo performance with just his guitar, a
radio interview, or a full set with his new band, Highway

and the service of the servi South, a band that hopes to open for Merle Haggard in Midland/Odessa, Texas.

He said he understands it's demanding more of him, and his output in the pursuit of his dream has caused a

and instruction in the pursuit of init details and actased a decrease of energy toward other aspects of his life. His energy shift hasn't affected his military day-to-day job, but he admitted that he hasn't studied for his promotion test. He also took a semester off of school.

However, he said his wife, Karen, and two daughters, Taylor and Makenzie, are paying the highest toll.

"I'm hardly at home, and when I am home, I'm return

'In hardly at home, and when I am home, I'm returning phone calls I missed during the day until about II:30 p.m.,' the singer said, averting his eyes, seemingly hiding tension's tinge. 'It's getting a little tough.'

But, he said he'll strive for balance and work to include his family as much as possible, even though sometimes they can't make performances.

As for his military career, he still has four years left in

his current enlistment. He said if he becomes successful in music, he'd like to transfer into a Reserve unit, but until then, he'll keep practicing his skills at another unexpected talent he needs to have a music career: juggling.



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Want to quit smoking? Contact the health and wellness center at 6-4292 about smoking

cessation classes and how they can help you.

BREAKING THE BANK

By the Sheppard Law Center

The number of bankruptcy filings in the United States has

there are significant negative consequences. Bankruptcy filings can be listed on credit reports for up to ten years. A bad credit rating can preclude someone from renting an apartment, buying a car, obtaining a student loan or getting a job. Filing for bankruptcy also means spending more money out-of-pocket. Filing fees run up to \$200 and attor-neys fees vary widely. Carefully consider these costs prior to filing a bankruptcy case.

The number of bankruptcy filings in the United States has steadily risen in the past ten years. Last year, there were over 1.5 million non-business bankruptcy cases commenced.

For those under the age of 25, bankruptcy filings have increased by 96 percent. In bankruptcy court, it is not unusual to see debtors with over 15 credit cards and no assets to show for it. Living beyond one's means, buying items you want instead of need and impulsively spending money earned rather than putting it away into a savings account all contribute to this growing problem.

Bankruptcy is one way to deal with financial debt, but it should be the option of last resort. Bankruptcy has two main purposes. First, bankruptcy gives creditors a fair share of the money that debtors can afford to pay back. Second, bankruptcy cancels many debts via a court order called a "discharge." In short, bankruptcy gives debtors a fresh start, relieving the financial burden caused by, in many cases, overspending and abusing credit.

abusing credit.

Before leaping at the idea of filing for bankruptcy, realize

cies only.

Begin saving today to boost your financial security for unexpected emergencies and major purchases.

If you have general questions about bankruptcy, please make
an appointment with the Sheppard Law Center so that we may
assist you. Our number is 6.4267 JOSN 736-4262. Our website is https://webm.sheppard.af.mil/82trvija/index.html. Loyalty: It runs up, down chain

to filing a bankruptcy case.

In fact, avoid the issue of bankruptcy altogether. Create a budget and live by it. Start off with small changes in your spending habits and build from there. Deposit a part of your paycheck into an interest-bening savings account and let it grow. Limit yourself to one credit card and use it for emergencies only.

Ty Willingham was recently fired from s job of head coach of the Notre Dame otball team. He was the first Notre Dame football ach not to be allowed to finish his initial

At the same time the university was dis-playing a historic lack of loyalty to him, his players were giving him remarkable loyalty, refusing for the most part to even talk to the

refusing for the most part to even talk to the media, let alone say anything negative about their coach. The value of loyalty might not be important in a university athletic depart-ment, but it is vital in our Air Force. Loyalty is faithfulness, both up and down the chain of command; it is not unthinking obedience to orders. A leader can only inspire this faithfulness when subordinates or students trust their commander, supervi-sor or instructor. This loyalty is the glue

that truly holds together all superior military that truly holds together all superior military organizations.

Loyally is faithfulness; allegiance. A loyal subordinate can be counted on; one who supports the leader in public and saves dissent for private.

General Colin Powell said, "Loyalty means glving me your honest opinion, whether you think I'll like it or not ... [then] executing the decision as if it were your

"The strongest is never strong enough to be always master unless he transforms strength into right and obedience into duty. Jean Jacques Rousseau

own."

Loyalty is also taking care of your students or subordinates, as you would want to be taken care of - working their assignments, awards and problems with more vigor than your own.

gor than your own.

Loyalty is not unquestioned obedience to ders. A charismatic leader can inspire

orders. A charismatic leader can inspire blind obedience through the sheer force of personality with horrific results, exempli-fied by the Holocaust and the killing fields of Cambodia. This is not the loyalty that the military looks for. Fear is also a tremendous moti-vator, compelling people to obey, but when people's fears are alleviated, motivation to obey can be greatly diminished, and eventu-ally subordinates will lose their fear. As Swiss sphilosopher lean Jacques

As Swiss philosopher Jean Jacques Rousseau wrote, "The strongest is never strong enough to be always master unless he transforms strength into right and obedience into duty."

To transform obedience into duty and to

inspire loyalty, a commander must inspire trust. Without trust there will never be true

Jan. 14, 2005

Jean Jacques Rousseau

loyalty. Followers only give their trust to a
leader who embodies integrity and is a visible example of the organization's values.

In military organizations these values
include service before self, impartiality and
concern for others.

Gen. George C. Marshall illustrated
moral integrity throughout his career. As
chief of staff during World War II, he
attempted to refuse all personal awards and
honors to avoid the mere appearance of taking advantage of his position. He only gave
in and accepted honors at the personal insistence of the President.

Integrity, as demonstrated by General

Integrity, as demonstrated by General Marshal, is perceived by followers as loyal-ty from their commander – their leader – to them.

When a commander is loval to his or her When a commander is loyal to his or her followers or an instructor is loyal to the students, the reward is loyalty returned. Loyal followers of a loyal leader will carry out the leader's desires out of a sense of duty; they will support the leader in good times, and as Coach Willingham witnessed, in the worst of times.

Watch out!



The best way to learn to lead is to observe the best

By Chief Master Sgt. Ed Washburn

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882nd Training Group

In my 29-plus years in the Air Force, I've observed so
many different approaches to leadership ... I've seen the
good, the bad and the ugly.

I found what worked well for me, especially when I was
first placed in a leadership position, was to observe other leaders in action. I'd watch to see how they handled themselves
in different and difficult situations. I would constantly pick a
leader's brain for any information they were willing to share
on how they got to where they were.

Keep in mind that what someone else does may not necessarily work for you, but it's certainly worth a try.

How many of us have ever made the following comments
about leaders we 've observed: "when I grow up in the Air
Force, I want to be just like him or her..." or "if I ever get in
the position they' re in. I'll never do it that way..."

I believe at some point we 've all said both of these statements, and there's nothing wrong with that. The important
thing is to observe and learn so when you do get in that position, you really can make a difference.

The one thing I've observed that I really think sets great
leaders apart is that they make themselves visible and available. You may have heard the phrase "management by wandering around." You know what ... it really loses work!

When I was a staff sergeant, I clearly remember one chief
master sergeant in particular who would stop by our section
occasionally just to talk and joke around with us. He would
inquire about what was happening in the job and in our personal life.

The fact that this chief master sergeant took the time to

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The fact that this chief master sergeant took the time to show a personal interest in me went a long way in molding me into a leader. I really came to trust him. I knew I could go to him with any issue and he'd take the time to listen. He was one of those leaders whom I swore I would emulate if I was fortunate enough to be a chief one day.

On the flip side, I've seen and heard of supervisors today who would rather lead through "management by e-mail." Although e-mail has its good points, it cannot replace personal interaction. There's nothing people appreciate more than their leaders taking the time to show a genuine personal interestin them. Stopping by the duty section or just a quick "how's it going" conversation in the hallway goes a long way in developing a great relationship.

"how's it going" conversation in the hallway goes a long way in developing a great relationship.

By doing this, I've found that subordinates will place their trust in you and seek you out to help them solve both work-related and personal problems that arise. A true sign that you're a successful leader is when your subordinates trust you enough to confide in you ... not to completely solve their problems, but to help advise and point them in the right direction.

So observe your leaders closely and don't be afraid to ask them questions about what made them successful as a leader! Doing so will go a long way in helping you learn to be a suc-cessful leader as well.

Don't dodge it, your AEF needs you designed with predictability in mind. By placing you in an AEF By Mai, Gen. Bob DuLaney

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) – For the past six years, our Air Force has used the Air Expeditionary Force construct to meet the air and space power needs of our nation, tweaking the AEF as

necessary to improve it and adapt it to meet emerging chal-One of those adjustments has

been to expand the pool of AEF-eligible Airmen.

The Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, said it best. "Let me be perfectly clear. In our Air Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every Airman will know his or her place in the will know his or her place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the combatant commander, whether deployed, in CONUS via reach-back, or employed at home sta-tion. If you are wearing the uni-form of the United States Air Force, you are part of the AEF."

That seems pretty clear to me. Note the lack of any escape me. Note the lack of any escape clauses such as, "unless you're really important," or "unless you're an O-6." Our nation is at war and our combatant commanders need you, regardless of rank or position, and they need you to be ready to fight when you reach their itheater.

The AEF process was

bucket, you can enjoy some measure of stability by knowing measure of stability by knowing when you can expect to deploy. This affords you, your family, your co-workers and your supervisor an opportunity to plan for your absence. Use this valuable lead time to get your personal life in order, including finances, wills and childcare plans. plans.
It is also imperative to get

It is also imperative to get your professional life in order. Update or create your continuity books so those left behind can cover your duties and ensure continued mission success for your unit. Take a look at your profes-sional military education and promotion timelines and make appropriate plans. Do you need to take care of any performance

to take care of any performance reports or feedback sessions?

reports or feedback sessions?

Institutionally, we are getting pretty good at making sure our Airmen are getting their personal lives in order, but we also need to make sure we are taking care of the unit when our men and women proceed down range. range

Supervisors and leaders, your Supervisors and leaders, your involvement is critical to our success. You also need to plan for your troops' rotations. Find a replacement or plan on redistributing duties to other members of your team. Will there be some degradation and turmoil? in this together -- we are at war As an Air Force, we must support our combatant command-

ers.

Don't try to "protect" your key players from the AEF. If they are really that good, then our combatant commanders need them more than you do! Almost all of us train during peacetime to perform a warrine mission; you owe it to the American taxpayers to put their warriors into the fight.

As an added broms a key.

warriors into the fight.

As an added bonus, a key player's absence provides opportunities for those left behind as they step up to fill in or learn a new duty. It truly can be a win-win for our Air Force.

We will continue to prosecute the global war on terrorism for the foreather foreather for the foreather foreather for the foreather foreather foreather foreather foreather foreather foreather for the foreather forea

cute the global war on terrorism for the foreseable future. Our AEF concept has proven very effective over the last several years at putting air and space power where we need it, when we need it. Your role is to be ready, per-sonally and professionally, to take the fight to our nation's enemies

If you are in a leadership position, make sure your team is ready to fight or carry on the home station mission when indinome station mission when indi-viduals from your team deploy. No matter who you are, if you are wearing Air Force blue, your AEF needs you.

Submit your questions and concerns to action. line@ sheppard. af.mil or call 6-2000. Your

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Compete to see your funny caption for photo No. 21 in next week's Sheppard Senator.

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 Write an imaginative, humorous caption for photo No. 21. Submit a maximum of sheppardsenator@sheppard.af.mil or call 6-7246 by Tuesday at

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No. 20s winning entry: ""That's it! Next time I'm just putting the new base sticker over the old one – this glue's impossi-ble to remove." by Gene Strouth, 82nd TRW/TO Runner up: ""Have you hugged your pet jet lately?" by Ken

SHEPPARD EVENTS

Chapel schedule

Catholic services Confessions are at 4 p.m. Sundays at the south chapel,

Sunday

Mass: 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the south chapel

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m. (south

Protestant services Sunday 10:30 a.m. Ecumenical

North Chapel Dedication Service (north chapel)

Protestant Parish

Ministries Protestant Men of the Chapel: Saturday, 6:30 a.m.

(south chapel) Weekday Bible studies: Tuesday, 6 p.m. and Thursday, noon, (south chapel)

Protestant religious education

Adult religious education, 9 a.m. (Bldg. 962)

Tuesday Bible study, 6 p.m. (south chapel)

Thursday, noon Bible Study; lunch provided (south chapel).

Thursday Bible study, 6 p.m.

Tuesday Bible study, 6 a.m. For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4370.

Student ministry

Solid Rock Cafe (Bldg. 450)

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30

Saturday, 1 to 11:30 p.m. Sunday, 1 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday Protestant Rible study, 4 p.m.

Contemporary Student Worship Service, 5 p.m. Liturgical Protestant Worship

Service, 10:30 a.m. Praise Prayer, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. Students Awaiting Training classes, Tuesday and Thursday,

8:15 to 10 a.m. Chapel Ropes Meeting, Tuesday, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Parents and Tots, Monday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 10 to 11 a.m.

For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4370.

Youth center

Read by mail

A new reading program for kindergarten through eighthgrade youth is underway.

Children can earn prizes for reading books from a morethan-13,000-book collection. Register at the base library or youth center.

For more information, call 6-

Teen aviation camp

The youth center is now taking applications for the 2005 Teen Aviation Camp until Feb.

For more information, call 6-5437

Sheppard Spotlight 15 lines of fame 12. Favorite book or movie:

1. Name: Lance Turner 2. Rank: Technical sergeant 3. Organization and position:

364th Training Squadron, chief military training leader 4. Most rewarding aspect of vour job: Impact on the lives

of the Airmen who come to Sheppard for training. 5. Why did you join the Air Force? I was bored with col-

lege, and it seemed like the right thing to do. 6. Favorite Air Force assign-

ment: Spangdahlem Air Base. Germany

Date arrived Sheppard: January 2001. Hometown: Big Lake,

9. Married or single: Married to Theresa with daughter Shelby and one due any day now.

10. Favorite thing(s) to do in your free time: Taking care of my family. renovating my home or golfing when I'm not doing the other two

11. Funniest childhood memory: Too many to mention

"Band of Brothers.

13 Dream vacation: Australia 14. If you could be anyone for one day, who would you be? I'm very happy just being myself.

15. Other than your family, what is your most prized pos-Mv

session? health and the daily evidence that God has blessed me and my family.





Movie line: 676-4427

The Incredibles (PG)

TODAY: 6:30 P.M. SATURDAY: 2 P.M.

Animated. A dysfunctional family of famous superheroes is placed in a quiet suburb by the Witness Protection Program, but they come out of retirement when the world is threatened.

Woman Thou Art Loosed (R)

TODAY: 9 P.M.

Starring: Kimberly Elise, Loretta Devine. After surviving abuse and molestation, Michelle turns to a life of drugs, prostitution and prison. She does some soulsearching that takes her on a jour nev to recovery and resolve.



Blade: Trinity (R) SATURDAY: 4:30 P.M.

SUNDAY: 2 P.M. Starring Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson. Vampires set Blade up to appear like a psychopathic serial killer. Blade's ability to hunt vampires is limited severely. To take on the threat of Dracula, Blade accepts the help of a team o

human vampire hunters.

Ocean s Twelve (PG-13) SATURDAY: 7 P.M.

SUNDAY: 4:30 P.M.

Starring: George Clooney, Julia Roberts. When Danny Ocean and his notorious group struggle to live a straight life, circumstances lead them back to crime to protect them from their big heist's victim and other adversaries hot after them.



Three Soldiers qualify for biathlon championship See Page 2B



Sheppard Sports



Former NFL star happy to serve Soldiers

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Senators look to win big at MLK tournament

By Senior Airman Chris Powell

The 12th Annual Martin Luther King basket-ball tournament, one of the biggest Air Force varsity basketball tournaments in the country, takes the here this weekend.

Thirteen teams from all over the Midwest and

even as far as Florida will participate in the tour-

Looking to make a run from the season's mediocre 6-8 record, Sheppard Senator's Coach Tyrone Jones says the home team needs to stick

with their system because it works.

A style of play that features tough rebounding and defense with smooth offensive execution is great, but having players familiar with the sys-

And Coach Jones says not having those play-

"Only having two players return from last season's team is the main reason for having a 6-8 record," he said. "We have had periods of onsistency that have led to some h

returning players, but we are a team that will rebound and will be very competitive in the Southwestern Men's Basketball League."

MLK tournament this weekend will likely mean having to go through Randolph Air Force Base - a team that won the last two tournaments and beat the Senators in one of the championship games.

game in 2003, but lost to Randolph. They lost to

Lackland in the semi-finals last year.

Coach Jones said Randolph will put up the biggest fight to the Senators because of their penchant for winning and having such a close-knit

"We try to concentrate on our team and not our opponents. A lot of coaches get caught up in what the other team will do and forget about their team's strengths," he said. "We are holding our

is playing without injured center Nate McCoy and

guard wannet Berges.

McCoy had season-ending knee surgery
while Berges is nursing a sore knee.

"Both players are key to the team," Coach
Jones said. "I know both are disappointed
about not being able to play, especially at
home, but the team will pick up the slack for
them."

Despite having key injuries and a team that hasn't played to its potential this season, Coach Jones says his team has as good a chance as any to win this year's tournament.

"I think we have a very good chance at win-ning this year," he said. "Most of the teams in the tournament we have faced before and beaten. We also have the luxury to be playing at home with our fans.'

Duals

Sports Briefing

MLK tournament times
The Martin Luther King basketball tournament starts at 8 a.m.
Saturday at the south and main fit-

Later games will be at 9:30 n. Saturday at the south and the fitness center and 11 a.m. at

main fitness center and 11 a.m. at all three fitness centers.

Games will continue Sunday at 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The championship game is Monday at 11 a.m. for the women's team and 1 p.m. for the men's team at the main fitness center.

Proper PT uniform wear The Chief of Staff of the Air Force has approved policy for wear of the official physical training uniform at all organized PT functions.

training unions.

PT functions.

The mandatory wear date will be established at a later time.

Any combination of PT uniform items may be worn together but can't be worn with any civilbut can't be worn with any civil-ian clothing.

T-shirt: It must be worn tucked into shorts.

■ T-shirt: It must be worn tucked into shorts.
People may weet style Air Force shirt.
■ Warm-up suit: When the jacket is worn, it must zipped up at least halfway.
The hood will be stored and zipped when not worn.
The pants, when worn, must be zipped at the legs.
■ PT shorts: Spandex shorts and leggings may be worn under PT shorts. During cold weather periods, full-length leggings can be worn.
■ Socks and shoes: Ankle or calf-leneth socks must be worn. Socks and shoes: Ankle or

■ Socks and shoes: Ankle or aff-length socks must be worn. Small, conservative trademarked ogos may be worn on socks.

Shoes must be a conservative olor like white, black or dark blue.

■ Hats: Hats aren't required when performing PT activities.

■ Saluting: Saluting is not equired when performing PT ctivities.

activities.

Saluting is required, though, if people meet and are displaying appropriate rank and are not participating in PT activities.

Hair: Hair must be neat and allowed to hang loose below the collar. It should be tied back.

■ Reflective belts: The instal-lation commander will determine if reflective belts must be worn.

 Jewelry: Jewelry wear w low normal uniform wear rule Tollow normal uniform wear rules.
The mandatory wear date will be determined once sufficient supplies are available.
Uniforms will be available for purchase in military clothing sales stores.

Sheppard bass anglers

Sheppard Dass any manded The local American Bass Anglers district is looking for more Team Sheppard members to join. The ABA, he largest tournament trail in the world, now offers more than 900 tournaments in 105 districts across the country for the weekend angler. The organization was founded in 1975 and was formed for military bass fishermen and called Military Bass fishermen fishermen and called Military Bass fishermen f

tary bass fishermen and cancer Military Bass Anglers Association, or MBAA for short.

Association, or MISAA for short. Upcoming tournaments are Feb. 20 at Lake Texoma and March 20 at Lake Ray Roberts. For more information, call Master Sgt. Rob Eckles at 6-8287 or go to www.americanbassanglers.com.

ing losses.
"I expected a little of that with only two

Being competitive is a start, but winning the

But you can't give too much attention to what

the other team is doing, the coach said.

normal practice sessions, and we have to stay in our normal way of operating."

Another hurdle the Senators must overcom

Academy wrestlers fall

to Brown at Lone Star

Courtesy of the Air Force

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas The Air Force Academy wrestling team remained win-less Jan. 8, falling to Brown University, 26-15, in its las meet at the Lone Star Duals meet at the Lone Star Duals wrestling tournament. Picking up individul wins for the Falcons were Josh Peterson, Brandon Strong, Beau Tresemer and Brenden McLean.

Air Force started out the match already down 6 points as it was forced to forfeit the 125-pound weight class because Zach Valdez suffered an injury in an earlier match against

pound weight class because Zach Valdez suffered an injury in an earlier match against Columbia University. Strong, who remained undefeated, evened up the team score in his 133-pound bout by recording at After giving up a fall at the 141-pound weight class, the Falcons got three team points at 149 pounds from Peterson, who notched a 3-2 decision over Tim Smith to bring Air Force within 3 points. Brown won at 157, but gave up a 7-2 decision by Tresemer at 165 pounds. Besides the three team points awarded to the Falcons for Tresemer's win over Mike Savino, the Bears lost a team point for unsportsmanlike conduct, and Air Force remained within 3 points in the However the Falcons were However trees However the Falcons were However the Falcons However However the Falcons However However the However trees However the Falcons However However the However the However the However the However Howe

conduct, and Air Force remained within 3 points in the team scoring. However, the Falcons were able to win just one of their last three matches. The lone Air Force wrestler to grab a victory down the stretch was 1977-pounder McLean, who also remained 30 after notching a 5-mail of the scoring of the scorin Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
University's Joffre Lander in an
8-6 decision.
McLean faced Western

McLean faced Western State's George Coleman in his first match of the day. He pinned Coleman in a time of 1:34, his fourth fall of the year. McLean then moved directly into the championship bout where he dropped an 8-2 decision to top-seeded Robert Charlton of Embry-Riddle.

Embry-Riddle.

The Falcons compete again Saturday when they run the annual Colorado Collegiate Invitational, featuring Adams State University, Colorado School of Mines, Northern Colorado University and Western State, along with visiting Portland State University, Following the tournament, Air Force will take on Portland State.



Lessons from Big D

Derek Robinson, ranked in the top six in the men's professional racquetball tour, shows a Team Sheppard member the proper way to swing a racquet Tuesday. Robinson came to Sheppard Tuesday to give a racquetball clinic to Team Sheppard members.

Bemidji State beats Air Force, 4-3, in hockey overtime

Courtesy of the Air Force News

BEMIDJI, Minn, (AFPN) - Jean Guy-Gervais scored the game-winning goal with 1:34 remaining in overtime as Bemidji State University beat Air Force, 4-3, in a College Hockey America game re Jan. 8. Bemidji State improved to 11-7-0

erall and 6-2 in the league for second ace. Air Force fell to 9-9-2 overall and

overall and 6-2 in the league for second place. Air Force Fell to 9-9-2 overall and 3-5 in the league for fourth place. The game was the Falcons to win as they had a one-goal lead with one minute remaining in the third period, but they could not put the game away. Andrew Murray tied the game after the Beavers pulled the goalie with 59 seconds left. The teams combined for just one goal in the first 40 minutes of the game and then combined for six goals in the final 23 minutes. The only lead BSU had in the game was the game-winner in overtime.

After a scoreless first period, the

Falcons got on the board first at the 6:45 mark of the second period. Seth Pelletier tipped in a shot by Steve Mead on the power play. Eric Ehn won the faceoff, and Pelletier scored his fifth of the season. The lead held up until a wild third period

period.

The Beavers tied the game at 1-1 early in the third period as Myles Kuharski scored on a shot from the top of the circle. The Falcons took a 2-1 lead at the 10:40 mark as Ehn scored his fifth goal 10:40 mark as Ehn scored his fifth goal of the season. Matt Bader made a pass from behind the net to Ehn at the bottom of the circle, Just 40 seconds later, Bemidji State answered. On a nearly identical play to Kuharski's goal, Jake Bluhm scored his second of the season. Bluhm scored his second of the season. He was the season of the season. The season was the season of the season. He was the season of the season. He was the season of the season of the season. The season of the season of

far post.
Again the Falcons answered with 2:14
remaining as Josh Print scored on an
odd-man rush. Brian Gineo hit Brandon
Merkosky in the neutral zone to create

the rush. Merkosky skated the puck down the right wing and fed Print after the goaltender had committed to the short side. Print slid the puck past Matt Climie for his fifth of the season. The goal gave the Falcons a 3-2 lead. The Falcons out-short the Beavers, 14-8, in the final peri-od, but the Beavers forced overtime.

With 1:20 remaining in the third peri-od, the Beavers pulled Climie from the net in favor of an extra attacker. Air Force defenseman Brooks Turnquist tried Force defenseman Brooks Turnquist tried to clear the puck from behind his own net, but the puck slid off his sitck and into the faceoff circle. Gerwais collected the puck and fired a shot that was saved, but Murray put in the rebound with 59 seconds remaining.

In overtime, the Falcons had one good scoring chance early as Matt Bader's shot was saved. Midway through the extra frame, two Air Force players, Andrew Ramsey and Josh Print, collided in the neutral zone and the puck bounced right

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Bowling

For more information, call 6-2170.

Combo bowling held every

Thursday Combo bowling will be held every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the south

For more information, call Donna Dobbins at 569-2430 or Vivian Umlah at 569-1619

Rock It Bowl at the north lanes

Glow-in-the-dark Rock It Bowl takes place every Friday and Saturday night from 5 to 11 p.m. at the north lanes.

Bowling center birthday parties

The north and south bowling centers are available for birthday parties.

The cost is \$2 at the north lanes and \$1.50 at the south lanes.

The cost is more at the north lanes because it features Glow Bowling.

Feel free to bring your own cake and ice cream, but all drinks and other food must be purchased at the bowling center snack bar.

Community center

For more information, call 6-3866

Jeet Kune Do classes

There are Jeet Kune Do classes from 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays at the community activity center.

Cost is \$35 per month.

Tang Soo Do classes

There are Tang Soo Do classes from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for people ages 7 and older. Cost is \$25 for adult members

and \$20 for children members. The cost for children who are nonmembers is \$25.

Call 6-6826 for more information.

Pool tournament

The pool tournament is at 2 p.m. Saturday at the community activity cen-

Trophies will be awarded to first and second-place winners.

Table tennis tournament

The table tennis tournament is at 5 p.m. the second Saturday of every

month. Cost is \$2. Trophies will be awarded to first and second-place winners.

The chess tournament is at 10 a.m. the last Saturday of every month.

Sports

Trophies will be awarded to first and second-place winners

Fitness center

For more information, call 6-2972.

Parents can work out and watch their children at same thetime in the kid's room at the south fitness center.

Push it to the Max

Push it to the Max is a free program designed to teach people how to do correct push-ups and will improve push-up ability.

The program is from 5:30 to 7 a.m. Tuesdays in the aerobic room at the south fitness center.

Spinning at the south fitness

Spinning classes are at 5 p.m. weekdays and at 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the south fitness center.

Aerobicenter offers classes

The aerobicenter, located in the main fitness center, offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.

Cardio blast Monday at 7:15 a.m.

Sten aerobics Tuesday and Thursday at 5:15 a.m.

Spin Basic

Monday and Wednesday at 9:15 a.m.

Body pump Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m. Thursday and Saturday at 11:30 a m

Yoga and pilates

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:15 a m Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday at 4 p.m.

Basic step Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m.

Sunday at 2 p.m. Kickhoxina Tuesday and Thursday

Sunday at 3 p.m.

Intermediate sten

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m. and Saturday at 10:15 a.m.

Advanced step Monday and Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Combo step Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m.

TOPS

For more information, call 855-4308,

TOPS class

There is a Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class at 6 p.m. Thursdays in Bldg. 962.

Youth center

For more information, call 6-5395.

Fit For Fun 2005

The Fit for Fun 2005 program is designed to get children to participate in a more active lifestyle through rewards and recognition.

The program is every day for 9 to 18 year olds at the Madrigal youth center.

Three Soldiers qualify for Biathlon World Championships

By Tim Hipps Army News Service

FORT KENT, Maine - Three Army World Class Athletes have earned berths in the 2005 Biathlon World Championships scheduled for March 5 to 13 Hochfilzen, Austria Sgt. Jacob Beste qualified by finishing among the top two men in the U.S. World Championship Team

Trials Dec. 29 through 31 at Fort Kent, Maine. Spc. Jeremy Teela and Spc. Jill Krause-Beste earlier earned spots on the team by virtue of their two top-40 finishes on the World Cup circuit. Despite having Team USA spots secured, Teela and Krause-Beste competed on the first of three days of competition at Fort Kent, where both skied and shot their way to victory in two feet of snow at the Maine Winter Sports Center. Teela had his first clean shooting day in six years while winning the men's 10-kilometer Sprint in 24 minutes, 52 seconds - 2:42 ahead of runner-up Tim Burke of Paul Smiths, N.Y., who also made the U.S. men's squad.

"Anytime you can shoot clean [it breaks] a mental barrier that athletes have in biathlon" said Teela, a native of Anchorage, Alaska, who lives in Jericho, Vt. "This is a first step to break it, now I need to keep breaking it."

Krause-Beste, who shot cleanly on prone and had two penalties in standing shooting, won the women's 7.5-kilometer Sprint with a time of 23:33.8 - 45.5 seconds ahead of runner-up Lanny Barnes of Durango, Colo., who also made the U.S. women's team. "I am still focusing on shooting accuracy," said

Krause-Beste, of St. Cloud, Minn. "If you can't hit the targets, it makes no difference if you shoot

Jacob Beste rebounded from a ninth-place finish Dec. 29 to post victories the next two days in men's Pursuit and Sprint competitions. "Everything seems to be coming together," he

said after winning the 12.5-kilometer Pursuit with a time of 36:50.4. "When you can win a race here that always means that your training has gone pretty well.

All totaled, five Army WCAP athletes, including a pair of married couples, are competing for 2006 Winter Olympic berths in biathlon - a combination of cross-country skiing and rifle shooting. Spc. Denise Teela of Anchorage and Spc. Sarah Kamilewicz of Saginaw, Mich., complete the list.

Denise Teela posted finishes of seventh, third



Courtesy photo Army World Class Athlete Program biathlete Spc. Jeremy Teela is the only competitor to shoot cleanly en route to victory in the men's 10-kilometer Sprint during the U.S. World Championship Biathlon Team Trials Dec. 29 at Fort Kent, Maine.

and fourth at Fort Kent while Kamilewicz finished 10th, fifth and sixth. "My training has been wonderful this year,

Denise Teela said after finishing third in the women's 10-kilometer Pursuit. "WCAP has offered us endless possibilities. I would not be in the sport without the Army, especially not at this level. Krause-Beste, a 2002 Olympic alternate,

earned a spot on Team USA by placing 40th in the Sprint competition Dec. 16 at Ostersund, Sweden, and 38th a week earlier at Oslo, Norway. For the first time this season, she shot cleanly from the prone position and had only two penalties on her standing shoot at Ostersund

One day after Krause-Beste's qualification, Jeremy Teela earned a spot in the World

Championships by finishing 20th in the 12.5-kilometer Pursuit race at Ostersund. After finishing 14th in the 20K Individual, 20th in the 10K Sprint and 23rd in the 12.5K Pursuit at the 2002 Winter Olympics, he struggled through last season. After not recording any top 40 results in the first two World Cups of this season, Jeremy Teela went to Ostersund with two final opportunities to earn two top-40 finishes. He was skiing well but struggling with shooting.

He turned the corner in the 10-kilometer Sprint, going 8-for-10 on the shooting range and taking 28th place. His effort in Pursuit confirmed the Sprint was no fluke as he toppled 16 of 20 targets to finish two spots ahead of fellow Alaskan Jay Hakkinen, giving Teela his second top-40 finish.

Jeremy Teela and Krause-Beste will resume World Cup competition with stops at Oberhof and Ruhpolding, Germany; Antholz and Cesana San Sicario, Italy; and Pokljuka, Slovenia; before heading to the World Championships. Jacob Beste will compete in European Cup events at Mittenwald, Germany, and Ridnaun, Italy, before returning to the World Cup circuit for three events prior to the World Championships.

Denise Teela will compete in the next two World Cup events. Kamilewicz is headed for North American Cup stops at Valcartier, Quebec, and Mount Itasca Winter Sports Center near Coleraine, Minn., in an attempt to qualify for the World Cup events at Cesana San Sicario and Pokljuka.

Former baseball pitcher turned personal trainer helps Sheppard battle the bulge

Helping people reach their goals and imple-menting new programs is all in a day's work for

Sheppard's new fitness center program director.

Billy Irions, who arrived at Sheppard in November, helps people develop an extensive workout program, teaches people the routines they use in their programs and is working on programs to help get Sheppard in shape.

Working with anywhere from six to 10 people

a day takes up most of his time, but it's something

said he loves to do. love to see a person's smile on their face when they attain some of the goals they have set

for themselves," he said.

While it's great when people put the work in to earn their goals, Irions said some people get discouraged because they don't see the results they looking for soon enough.

There are no overnight success stories. If you

step on a scale everyday and don't see results, you might get discouraged," he said. "If you're looking to build muscle, it will take six to eight weeks before you really start noticing muscle improvement.

When a person comes to Irions for help, he asks them what goals they want to reach, and then he gets them to write out short and long term

goals from one month all the way to 10 years.

"Everyone's goals are different," Irions said.
"Some people want to tighten and tone their muscles, some want bigger muscles and some just want to lose weight, so I tailor a program that will meet their goals and work with them to reach

Christie Nichols is one of the people Irions has

helped reach their goals.

"He put me on a circuit training program and has been walking me through it," she said. "As I improve, he adds routines to the program."

Irions said Nichols is one of his early success creates and Nichols is one of his early success.

stories, and it's easy to see why.

"When I first started three weeks ago, I could only run half a mile," she explained. Now, I can run two miles, I've lost nine pounds and an inch off my waist."

She said what makes the program work well for her was Irions let her choose her goals.
"I've never had a personal trainer before, but

I'd recommend him to anyone.

While Irions helps people set goals for them-selves, there are a few he's set for himself, as

"I want Sheppard to have the highest pass rate in the Air Force fitness test in (Air Education and Training Command) and to help as many other people reach a healthier and fitter lifestyle." he

several programs that are aimed at getting people inside the fitness center.

One is the One Million Pound Weightlifting

Club at the main gym. The first person to cumulatively lift a million pounds wins a shirt and gym

14 at the main gym. The purpose of this program is to give people an accountability partner for life to help and encourage them to stay fit.

While Irions now spends his days helping other people and coming up with new programs to



Photo by Senior Airman Chris Powel Billy Irrions, fitness center program director, show s a Team Sheppard member the proper way to stretch before running Tuesday at the main gym. Irrions helps people build personalized workout programs to help them meet their fitness goals. feel foolish by striking them out Irions helps people build perso feel foolish by striking them out.

In college, Irions was a pitcher at Seminole State College in Oklahoma in the late 1970s and early 1980s. During his two-year stay at the col-lege, Irions amassed a college record by striking out 225 batters and was the school's first two-time All American. Also, Irions is the in the Jackson County Hall of Fame and is the 1970's and 1980's Pitcher of the Decade.

Pitcher of the Decade.
"I was drafted by the Mets, Brewers and
Phillies," he explained. "I didn't come out of
college when the Mets or Brewers drafted
me, because I didn't feel it was the right

But on June 8, 1981, Jim Baumer, the Phillies head of scouting, drafted Irions. He had two choices at the time - report to the Phillies or go to the University of Texas and pitch his remaining college years there. This time the sophomore pitcher chose to head to the big leagues.

He started out at single A and made it all the ay to AAA and even attended major league spring training as a closer and long reliever. At spring training, he played with the likes of Pete Rose, Steve Carlton and Mike Schmidt. But Irions said his most memorable moment

playing minor-league baseball was when he was with the Oklahoma City 89ers and struck out Eric Davis to get the save and win the Carolina-league

Most sports fans know some funny stories come out of playing in the minor leagues, and Irions has plenty of them. One of the stories he recalled from his of playing days was when the

team would have Jungle Rules Court.

"When someone on the team was fined, the coaches would pick a judge and two lawyers, one for the defendant and one for the prosecution," Irions explained. "If you were the defendant and you're lawyer won the case for you, you wouldn't



member Tuesday at the main gym. "I decided to go back to school and get my

have to pay the fine. But if you lost, you had to

pay two times the amount of the fine.

"The best part of the court was when people would come up with really crazy lies and it would get the whole team and even the coaches laugh-" he said.

But after playing four years in the Phillies anization, a shoulder injury ended his career, and Irions had to look for a new career.

degree to become a personal trainer," he said.
"But I have no regrets about anything in my base-ball career. It was my dream to be a baseball play-

Now that Irions has reached his goal, his mis-

sion is to help others reach theirs.

"I'm a people person," he said. "I just like to help people."

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to a Bernidji State player for a 3-on-1 rush. Brendan Cook's shot was saved by Harper, but Gervais put back the rebound near the right post for the victory. Bernidji State outshot Air Force, 28-25, in the game. Air Force was 1-for-5 on the power play while BSU was 0-for-5. Harper made his third start of the session in met. He made 24 suves, including 11 mlte first period when the Buces land six furthers. Climie made 22 saves for the Beavers, including 12 in the third

period.

"This is as painful as it gets," said head coach Frank Serratore.

"We out-played them in the third period. We played hard, and we executed, but just didn't get it done. They stole this one from us. We proved that we can skate up and down the ice with them, but this is a very, very painful loss—gut-wrenching. We just have to bury this covered may be a few or the provided and the stole of the provided with the stole of the provided when the provided with the provided when the provided with the provided e and move on."

Air Force returns home for a two-game nonconference series

against service academy rival Army Jan. 14 and 15. The faceoff is at 6:05 p.m. MST on Jan. 14. The game is nationally-televised on

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If you have had too much to drink, call Airman Against Drunk Driving at 676-AADD for a safe ride home.

Former NFL star glad to serve Soldiers

FORT LEWIS, Wash. – Fort Lewis isn't necessarily where one would expect to find a former All-Pro defensive tackle, a guy who earned a Super Bowl ring, someone who knows John Madden better as his coach than as a network football analyst.

It's been a quarter-century since he traded his It's been a quarter-tentury since he hadeen ins. No. 60 Oakland Raiders jersey for civilian clothes, but Otis Sistrunk looked comfortable recently as he sat at his desk in the stadium he manages on post. The memorabilia on the wall behind him recalled his glory days with the

Raiders.
Sistrunk, who never played college football,
was a 1974 All-Pro selection and was an integral
part of the Madden-coached Oakland team that
dispatched the Minnesota Vikings, 31-14, in
Super Boul XI, Jan. 9, 1977, at Pasadena, Calif.
All that is behind him now.

All that is behind him now.
"In the NFL, we think we can play forever, but
we can't," said Sistrunk, 60. "When I got out of
football – I'll be honest with you – I didn't know
what I was going to do."

Sistrunk lasted seven years in the NFL and spent a couple more as a beer salesman. One day when he was at Fort Benning on business, a licu-tenant colonel asked if he'd be interested in coaching the post football team. His government career was born.

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"It didn't know I was going to be here 20-some-thing years," said Sistrunk, now approaching his 22nd anniversary as an Army employee. His second career required no bigger jump than the one he made from high school to the Raiders via semi-to-chall

"My whole thing was to go overseas and

work," said Sistrunk of his early motivation with the Army. "My grandmother was sick and my mother was sick, so I couldn't go away." Instead, he spent a dozen years at Fort Benning, attending to the sports and fitness needs of Soldiers.

Soldiers.
"It was a challenge to me," Sistrunk said. "It as very interesting. I got a chance to know a lot

of people."

When the opportunity presented itself, he transferred to Fort Lewis. He's been there ever

"I enjoy working at Fort Lewis," Sistrunk said.
"I had opportunities to go overseas ... and different places, but I love Fort Lewis. When I go out of town, that's the first thing I tell people – I work

of town, that's the trist timing it ten peopuer - i would at Fort Lewis."
Sistrunk does travel frequently to appear at charity golf events and to speak with school children. He had started going to Oakland area schools with Raider linebacker Phil Villapiano when both were still active players.
"We would go to the schools and talk to the

"We would go to the schools and talk to the kids about staying in school, don't do drugs, turn yourself into a lady or a man," Sistrunk said.

A decade later, when he was working in the

A decade later, when he was working in the gym at Fort Benning, Sistrunk was approached by a young, female second lieutenant who said she wanted to thank him. She told him that she was in one of those Oakland classrooms that he and Vilapiano had visited. She wound up going to college, getting into ROTC and joining the Army. "I've never seen her since," Sistrunk said. "We know we saved one person. There's probably more."

more."
Sistrunk still uses his NFL background as cu rency at Fort Lewis. Some Soldiers just want to sit on his office couch and talk football. Others have more pressing matters on their minds

"Sometimes it helps it you sit here and talk to a young kid," Sistrunk said. "I tell young Soldiers, 'If you've got a problem, come in here and talk to me. Try to stay out of trou-ble. 'The longer you stay out of trouble, the longer you'll stay in the military. the military."
"Otis has really shared his

knowledge and experience with all," said Lonnie Meredith, head coach of the Army flag football team that defeated football team that defeated Navy in early December at Cowan Stadium on Fort Lewis. Sistrunk served as one of Meredith's assistant coaches. "He's a true role model, one that you can access daily," Meredith said. "He has always helped everyone that approach-es him with euidance and direc-

es him with guidance and direc-tion. He shares his ideas and thoughts with others."

"Otis has been a plus to the

program not because of his playing football in the NFL, but playing football in the NFL, but because of his ability to work with a variety of people, from privates to generals," said Jerry Weydert, sports director at Fort Lewis, who lauded Sistrunk's second successistrunk runs C edit to get the job done."

If the Oakland Raiders were once like a family to him, Sistrunk now is part of another one — the Army.

If the Oakland Raiders were once like a family to him, Sistrunk now is part of another one — the Army.

"I just love the military," Sistrunk said. "I look Soldiers. It's a challenge to me every day."

Former All-Pro football player Otis Sistrunk has fashioned a

forward to coming here every day. It's b

Falcons shoot past Regis, 72-52

Courtesy of the Air Force Academy

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -U.S. AIR FURCE. ACADEMY, Colo. –
Shooting a school-record 72.7 percent from
long range, the Air Force Academy
women's basketball team downed Regis
University 72-52 Jan. 8 for its largest victory of the season. With the win, the Falcons
move to 5-8 on the season, while the
Rangers fall to 10-3.

Regis got out to an early 6-1 lead, but Air Force regrouped, scoring the next 7 points to take its first lead of the game. The Rangers again went on top at 11-8, but Air Force once again scored 7 points to get back on top for good. The Falcons, shooting over 58 percent from the field in the first half and hitting five-of-six three-pointers (83.3 percent), led by as many as 12 before going

into halftime with a 39-28 lead.

While the Falcons cooled down somewhat in the second half, it still was able to draw their lead out to 13 points with just under 8:45 remaining. The Rangers had a response, putting together an 11-1 run, which was helped by an intentional foul by the Falcons. Denise Lopez's resulting pair of free throws and subsequent layup cut the deficit to 4 points at 56-52, and suddenly it looked like Air Force's fifth win of the sea-

son might be in jeopardy.

The Falcons stepped up on their next possession as Letricia Castillo knocked down her second three-pointer of the day, stopping the Regis run in its tracks. The Rangers were held scoreless for the last six minutes of regulation, as Air Force cruised

to the 20-point victory.

For the game, the Falcons, who average

from long range, recorded a season-high 52.3 field goal percentage, hitting 8-of-11 shots. Mea mwhile, it limited Regis to 34 percent field goal shooting and 16 percent from downtown.

Lauren Henderson led the Falcons with 15 points, hitting a school record 4-of-4 from long range, while three other Air Force players joined her in double-figures. Castillo added 14 points, Alecia Steele pitched in 12 points and Briana Thomas added 10 points to go along with her team-leading six rebounds. Also stellar for the Falcons was Jennifer Roesch who finished

with 7 points, five rebounds, three assists, three steals and two blocks.

The Falcons play again today when they open the Mountain West Conference slate against No. 23 New Mexico University

If you would like to volunteer to write for the Sheppard Senator, please call 6-1326.



Fiesta Bowl honors military, reunites Army family

By Spc. Joy Pariante

By Spc. Joy Parlante

TEMPE, Ariz. — The 34th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl provided the venue for a touching family reunion Jan. 1 in Tempe, Ariz.

Staff Sgt. James McCormick a technical inspector with Company D. 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Great Regiment, 1st Company D. 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Great Regiment, 1st Battalian, 2st Batta

orneer, both with the 82nd Airborne Division.

The officers were chosen by their universities' alumni associations and the Department of the Army for recognition of
their stateside and Iran military service.

"I'm very honored to not only be chosen by the University
of Utah but the Department of Defense to represent the people
serving in Iraq and Afghanistan," Chapman said.

And for anyone interested in college football action, the
Utes destroyed the Panthers, 35-7.

Be smart. Don't drink and drive